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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: RAND DEVALUED

1. SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK AUGUST 12 CHANGED RAND/DOLLAR RATES CHARGED COMMERCIAL BANKS. MIDDLE RATE CHANGED FROM \$1.50 TO \$1.47. (BUYING AND SELLING RATES ARE MIDDLE RATE MINUS OR PLUS 1/4 OF ONE PERCENT.)

2. THIS IS FIRST CHANGE SINCE INSTITUTION OF "INDEPENDENT MANGED FLOAT" IN JUNE (REFTEL). JUNE 22 REVALUATION OF POINT SIX SEVEN PERCENT WAS LARGELY SYMBOLIC MOVE TO MARK START OF NEW EXCHANGE RATE POLICY.

3. PRESS ATTRIBUTES CHANGE TO RECENT STRENGTHENING OF DOLLAR AGAINST OTHER CURRENCIES, PARTICULARLY AFTER NIXON'S RESIGNATION.

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4. COMMENT: CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH RESERVE BANK POLICY AS

EXPLAINED TO EMBOFFS BY BANK DEPUTY GOVERNOR. BANK WANTS RAND
TO REMAIN REASONABLY STABLE AGAINST WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF MAJOR
TRADING CURRENCIES. SINCE BANK NORMALLY DEALS ONLY IN RAND AND
DOLLARS THE RAND/DOLLAR RATE MUST BE CHANGED WHEN DOLLAR
STRENGTHENS OR WEAKENS SIGNIFICANTLY AGAINST OTHER CURRENCIES.
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